

Hopkinton-Webster Refuse Disposal Committee Minutes 1st December 2011

Webster attendees: Barbara Corliss (chair), Bob Drown Sr., Ellen Kontinos-Cilley, Dave Klumb
Webster absentees: Tom Mullins, Sally Embley

Hopkinton attendees: Richard Kennedy, Richard Houston, Bob LaPree, Karen Irwin and Steve Clough (advisory member)

Public attendees: Frank Davis

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Kontinos-Cilley was appointed voting member for Mullins.

LaPree motioned to accept November minutes as written; seconded by Drown. The November minutes were approved with abstentions by those committee members who were not in attendance at the November meeting.

Clough advised he had not brought the Facility After-Hours Access Report. He will bring to the next scheduled meeting.

Clough advised that there were no significant new security issues at the facility and that procedures to improve site security continue to be ongoing in response to any perceived breaches of facility access and mysterious disappearance of air conditioners.

Clough presented the latest versions of Transfer Station Revenues Report, Solid Waste 2012 Proposed Budget, Transfer Station 2012 Proposed Budget, and Town of Hopkinton Capital Purchases Review. The latest 2012 Proposed Transfer Station Budget includes a \$6,600 reduction as requested by the Hopkinton Select board. This reduction appears under the part-time employee line. The Capital Purchases Review includes plans to utilize funds for the installation of security cameras at the pump house, and create an employee break room at the transfer station. and to provide the addition at the facility transfer station building of an employee break room which Clough opined has been needed for some time.

Irwin inquired on the status of funds from the Revolving Recycling Fund for the implementation of a Swap Shop at the facility. LaPree advised that the Hopkinton Select board was non-receptive to utilizing money from this fund for that purpose, even though the RDC Committee had recommended. Irwin requested that Clough provide reports on the current status of the Revolving Recycling Funds for committee review at the next RDC Meeting.

The committee continued the ongoing discussion of the possibility of increasing revenue by permitting additional users at the Facility. individuals or commercial haulers from other towns to dispose of certain selected items at the facility. The consensus was that a warrant article would not be required-needed as any such plan would not require a signed agreement or addendum to the 1989 Agreement between Webster and Hopkinton. Clough will provide a suggested plan at the next RDC Meeting outlining his

~~suggestions for selected items which would allow the facility to take advantage of current market conditions.~~

The committee objectives of Recycling and a possible Agricultural exemption were tabled until future meetings~~the next meeting~~. Corliss requested that those RDC committee members currently also serving on the Recycling Committee come prepared to discuss that committee's recommendations on topics and items requiring coordination with~~in need of current promotion at~~ the Ffacility.

Corliss advised that the Joint Select boards will meet in Hopkinton Monday December 5th at 6:00 PM to review the Proposed Refuse Disposal Ordinance revisions and Proposed 2012 Facility Budgets.

Committee members agreed to a 6:30 regular meeting start-time for the winter months commencing in January.

No comments were made by the public attendee when solicited.

LaFree motioned to adjourn seconded by Drown.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.